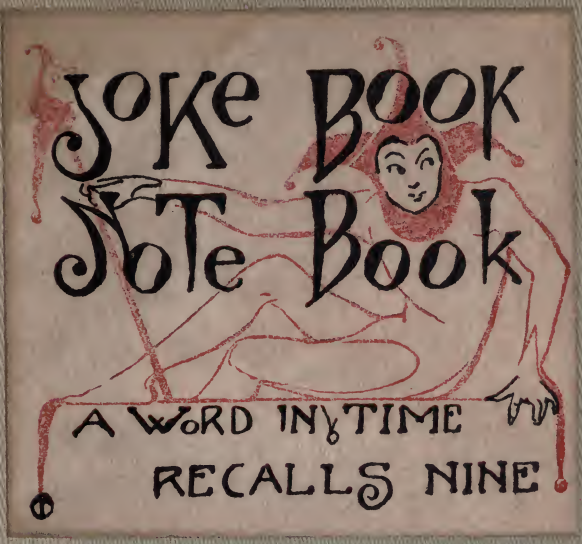
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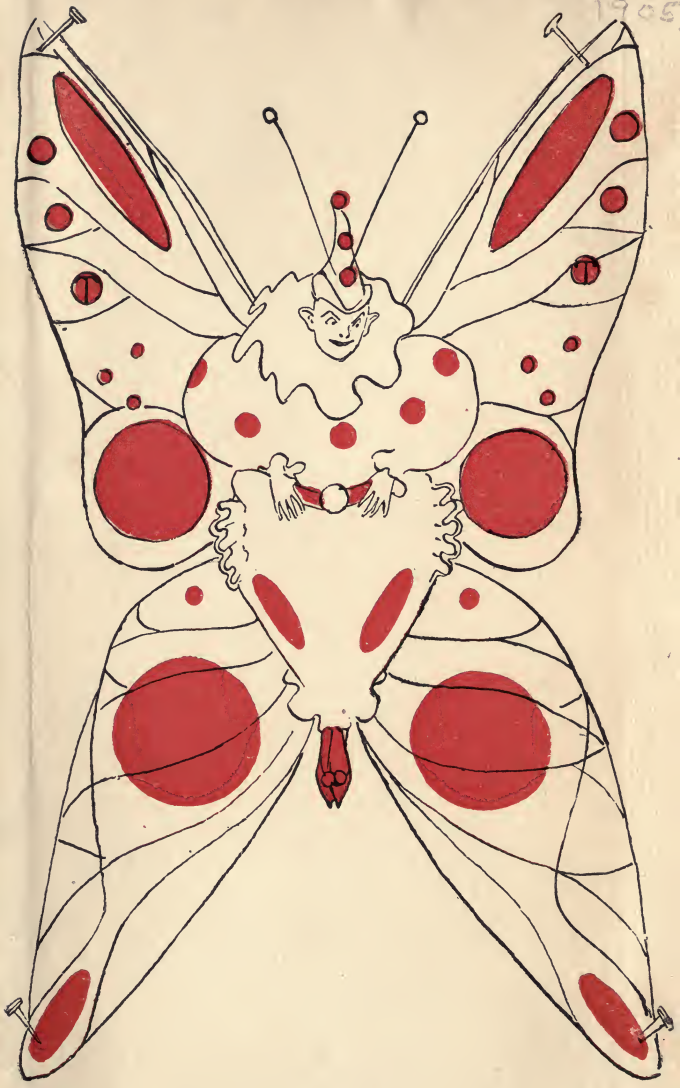

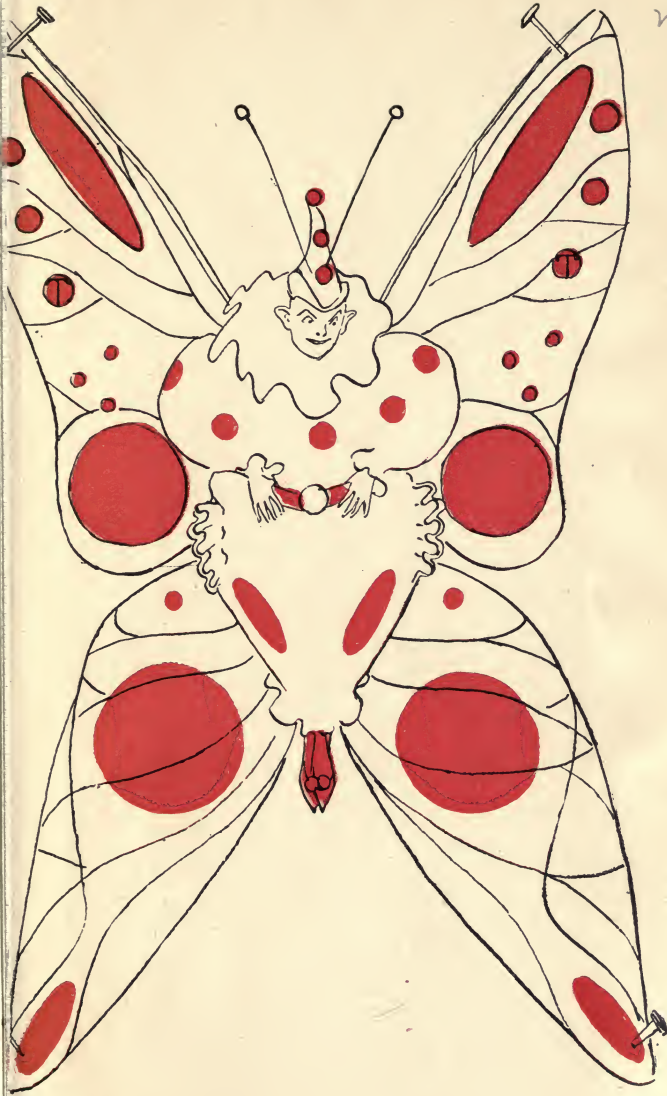

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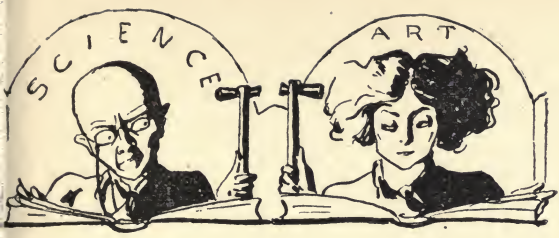


# PROFESSIONS

A farmer arrived very late at a country doctor's house and requested him to come instantly to a distant farm. The doctor hitched up and drove furiously. Upon arrival the hayseed inquired, "What fee?" "Three dollars," replied the doctor, surprised. The countryman paid. "There yer are, Doc; that durned liveryman wanted five."

# IRISH

Bedelia wept—"I know yez wants ter marry me, but I've something awful I've got ter tell yez!"

"The saints preserve us!"

"Pat, I'm a somnambulist!"

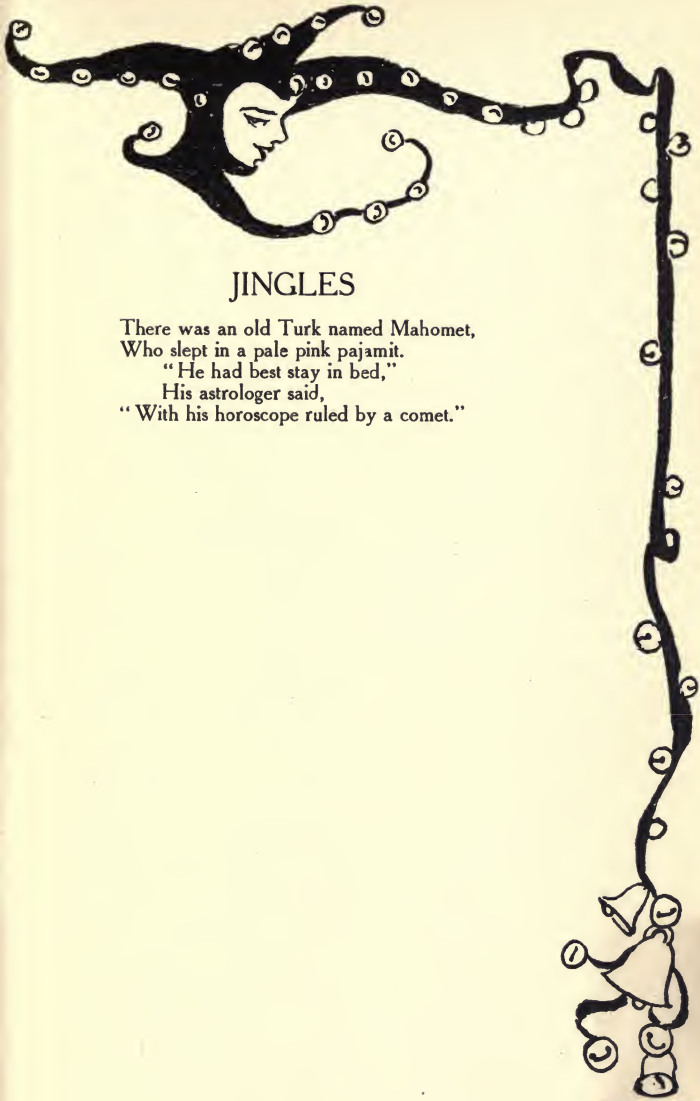
"Pwhist, now, that's all right; you go to your church, an' I'll go to mine!"

## COON

Said the chambermaid in a little Southern hotel, "I ain't got no use for dese yer transom bo'ders; what I like is persistent bo'ders."

# JEWS

The Inspector scowled at the passing peddler. "Say, Isaacstein, what have yer done ter yerself? I'd hardly know yer! Yer must have taken a bath!" The peddler looked frightened and uncertain. "No, it vas n't me! —is there von missing?"



# JINGLES

There was an old Turk named Mahomet,
Who slept in a pale pink pajamit.
"He had best stay in bed,"
His astrologer said,
"With his horoscope ruled by a comet."

# CLERGY

Ex'ract from the sermon of a colored revivalist:

"De Lawd made de sea, an' he rested, an' he made de fishes, an' rested, an' he made de lan', an' he rested. He made de trees an' de yarbs, an' he rested, an' de beasties, an' he rested. He made Man, an' he rested, an' den made Woman! Brev'ren, neither de Lawd nor man has rested since."

## GERMAN

Two tailors owned a dog. One day Fritz shrieked to August, "Ach! Bismarck has schwallow-ed der tape measure, und iss dying py inches."

"Quick!" cried August. "Open der area door, und let him die py der yard."

# EPIGRAMS

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Laugh, and the world laughs with you; snore, and you sleep alone.

# DAGOS

A Frenchman invented a shuttle and went to Birmingham to market it in England. On visiting the cockney head of the mills he observed him to be hurried. "I see zat you haf a rendez-vous. Geeve me anozer interview, and I will not now cockroach upon your time." "Cockroach!" exclaimed the cockney, "Cockroach on me time! Oh, you mean hencroach!" "Alas! monsieur, I mistake ze gendre."

## KIDS

Extract from a little boy's composition on the "Habits and Customs of the Greeks"

"The Greeks married but one wife, a custom what they called 'Monotony.'"

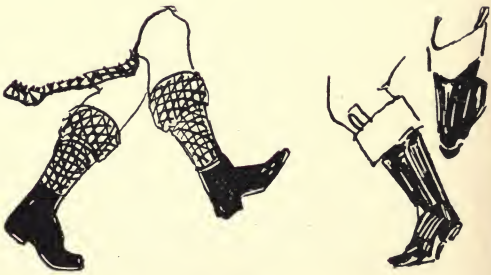
## SCOTCH AND ENGLISH

Soup was being set before a dissatisfied Englishman at a table d'hote.

"What's this nasty stuff?" he demanded.

"It's bean soup, sir," said the waiter.

"Yes, I see it's been soup, but what is it now?"



# SPORTS

"I know nothing about golf," said the fluffy girl. "Why, I don't even know how to carry a caddie."

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Said the barkeep proudly to the waiter, "I have a brother who is a detective down at the mint." "Ah," said the waiter, scornfully, "an order of mint spy."

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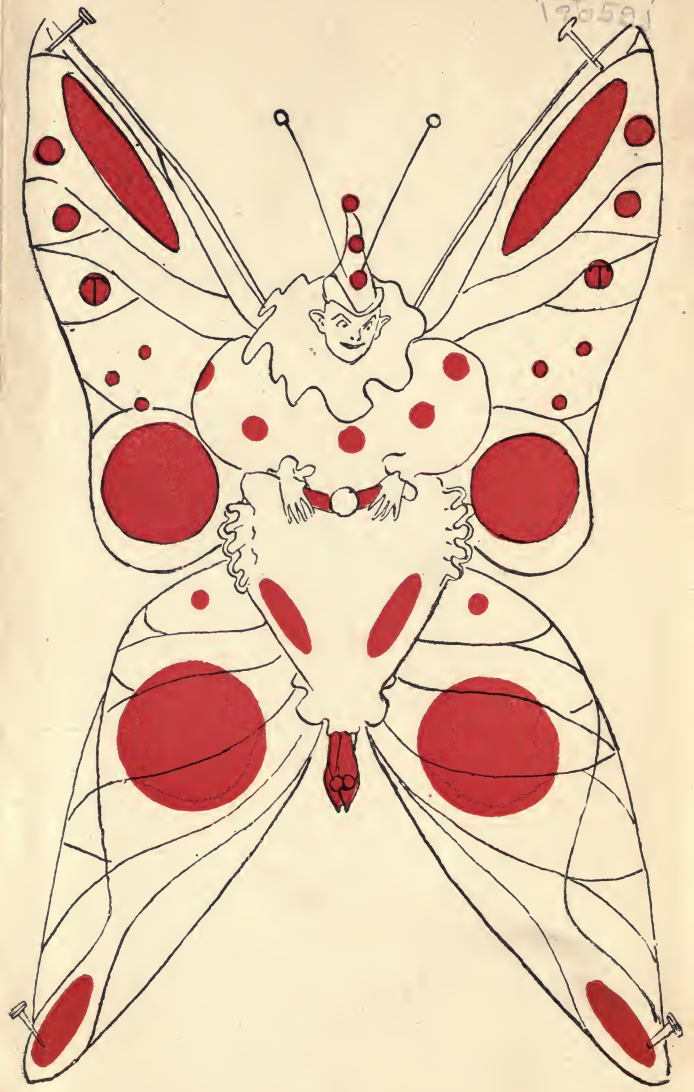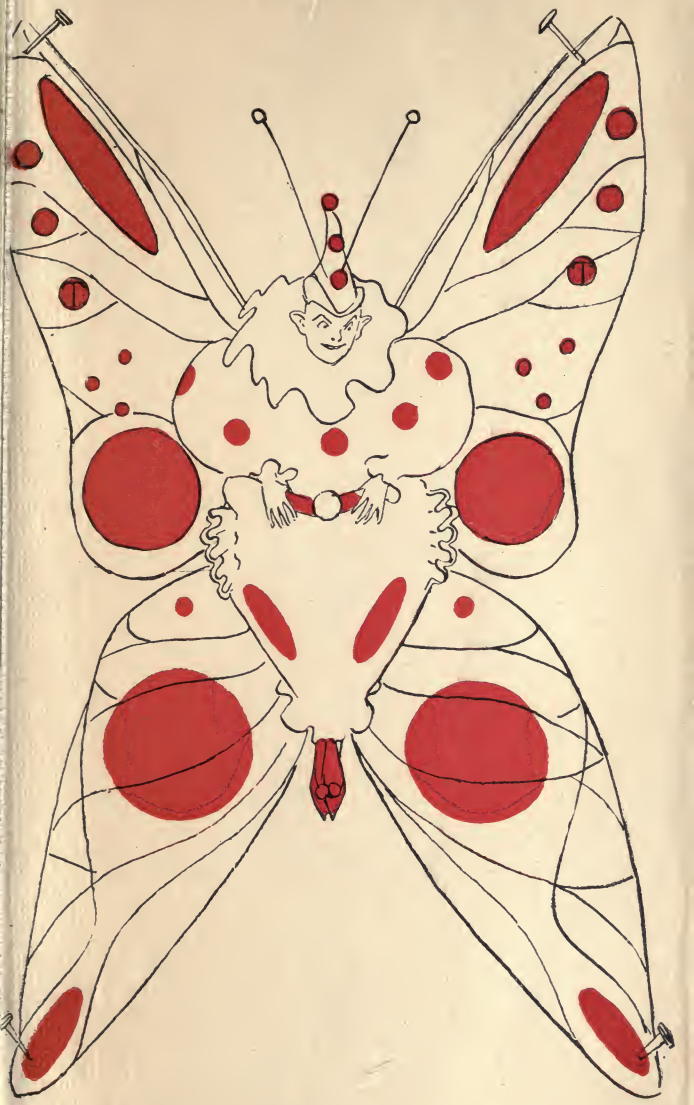
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